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Applicants: Nicosia, A. *et al.*

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For: MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE
REGION 1 OF THE E2 GLYCOPROTEIN
OF HCV AND USES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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